



# Christmas Mountains Research Symposium

May 21–23, 2018

Terlingua Ranch Headquarters, Brewster County, Texas

The objective of the Christmas Mountains Research Symposium is to increase public and scientific understanding of the ecology, geology, culture and history of the Chihuahuan Desert ecosystem in the Big Bend region of West Texas and Mexico and to promote interactions among university researchers, agency personnel, and interested private landowners.

Our sixth annual symposium will include research by students and faculty from universities in the Texas State University System, but welcomes contributions from researchers at other universities, federal and state agency personnel, non-governmental organizations, and residents of the area who have investigated aspects of the region's ecology, geology, culture and history. Presenters should plan to give a 12-minute talk followed by three minutes of questions and discussion. Powerpoint presentations will be supported, but are not required.

The symposium will begin with an evening social and optional dinner on Monday, May 21st. Each of the two following days will have field trips scheduled in the morning and presentations in the afternoon. The symposium will close with a dinner Wednesday evening, May 23rd. This year we will again have multiple registration options: three-day registration (\$50), which includes the social, field trips, attendance at paper sessions, and dinner Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings; two-day registration (\$40), which includes the social, field trips, attendance at paper sessions, and dinner Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and a limited registration (\$10), which includes the social, field trips, and attendance at the paper sessions. Other meals can be purchased on site.

Those wishing to make a presentation should submit an abstract by May 04, 2018. Each abstract submission should indicate the general topic area (ecology, geology, culture, history, etc.) and include the title of the talk, authors' names (with the speaker listed first) and institutional affiliations, and a description of the main points of the talk not to exceed 350 words. Please plan your presentation for a general audience consisting of scientists from a variety of disciplines, as well as interested individuals from the community. Click [here](#) or visit the symposium web site to access the abstract submission form.

Registration for the symposium is limited to 80 participants due to space constraints. Click [here](#) or visit the symposium web site to access the online registration and payment site. Registrations must be submitted by May 04, 2018 and payment may be made by most major credit cards.

Accommodations at Terlingua Ranch include 32 motel-style cabin rooms (two double beds), RV hookups, and campsites. Visit [www.terlinguaranch.com](http://www.terlinguaranch.com) for more information on facilities and rates and contact the Terlingua Ranch Office ([frontdesk@terlinguaranch.com](mailto:frontdesk@terlinguaranch.com) or 432-371-3146) for reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved for symposium registrants until April 20, 2018 and the Ranch is offering a 25 percent discount from their usual rates if you mention that you will be participating in the Christmas Mountains Symposium at the time you make your reservation. There are also other motel options, bed-and-breakfast accommodations and house and cabin rentals in the general area. The Bad Rabbit Café, a full-service restaurant on site, is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For more information, feel free to contact the symposium organizer, David Lemke, by phone (512.245.3364) or email ([david.lemke@txstate.edu](mailto:david.lemke@txstate.edu)). For links to the abstract submission form and the online registration and payment portal, please visit the symposium web site (<http://www.bio.txstate.edu/Department-Events/Research-Symposium.html>).

